

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claim 1, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 have been amended. Claims 1-7, 9 and 10 are pending and under consideration.

On page 2, item 4, the Office Action rejected claims 1-7 and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thatte, Klimczak and Suzuki.

Page 4 of the Action acknowledged that Thatte and Klimczak do not teach using a message body as a search key to search for the content of an action corresponding to the message. The Examiner looks to Suzuki for this feature noting figures 2 (data structure), 11 (data structure) and 12 (flowchart) and reference numbers 172 ("name field"), 41 ("search key input area"), 23 ("data body field") and 24 ("keywords field"). Note the Examiner used the reference number 20 rather than 24. Reference number 20 refers to the table itself (see col. 4, lines 41-42), so, it is assumed that the Examiner intended to indicate reference number 24.

The Action appears to be asserting that the name field 172 is a message and that the data body 23 is used as a search key. The name field 172 is not a message body. Rather the name field 172 includes "the name to be assigned to the data unit for the external relation is stored" (see Suzuki, col. 11, lines 29-30). The data body field 23 is not a search key but rather "a data body which is a main portion of the data unit" (see Suzuki, col. 4, lines 51-52) of the table 20 (or 170 of Fig. 11). The keywords field 24 "stores keywords to retrieve the data unit" (see Suzuki, col. 4, lines 52-53).

Data units are stored in a table (20 – fig. 2, 170 – fig. 11). Each data unit includes an ID number field 21/171, a name field 22/172, a data body field 23/173, and a keywords field 24/174 (see Suzuki, col. 4, lines 42-44).

It is submitted that the correspondence asserted by the Examiner is not appropriate and withdrawal of the rejection for this reason is requested.

In the process of figure 12 (see Suzuki, col. 11, line 5 - col. 12, line 35 and col. 6, lines 40-61), a user enters a search key into the search key input area 41 (see fig. 4). A search key might be the word "CD". This search key is used to search the keywords of the keywords fields 24 of the table 20 of figure 2. In this example, a match is found for the table entry with the ID number (field 21) of "1". The contents of the data body field 23 of the match is then displayed in display field 46 of the display of figure 4, along with the name and the keywords. As can be seen from Suzuki, col. 11, line 5 - col. 12, line 35 and col. 6, lines 40-61, entered keywords are used to search the keyword fields of the table to retrieve the data body. The data body is not used as a

search term.

For this additional reason, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The Action also equates the "content of action" of the claims with the text of Suzuki at col. 6, line 4- col. 7, line 6). This part of Suzuki discusses that when a search is performed based on a search key, such as "bad food combination", the search produces a text search result, such as "rice cake & persimmon" which is then displayed. This search result is not "a content of an action that is a reaction to the message and includes instructions defining a processing to be executed by the object" as recited in the claim.

For this further reason, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In addition the claims have been amended to emphasize that the message has a defined syntax as indicated by a message type. The prior art has not been shown to teach or suggest such.

It is submitted that the claims distinguish over the prior art and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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